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FOL RPT PARIS 16471 ACTION SECSTATE 3 JUN 77 QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L PARIS 16471

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2. AS DISCUSSED IN EARLIER EXCHANGES, VIETNAMESE AGREED NOT TO RELEASE NAMES PUBLICLY UNTIL IDENTIFICATIONS HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED BY THE US CENTRAL IDENTIFICATION LABORATORY IN HONOLULU FOLLOWING THE RETURN OF REMAINS. FACT OF LIST WAS ANNOUNCED BY PHAN HIEN AT PRESS CONFERENCE OUTSIDE US EMBASSY
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